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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SCHAUFLE

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SUBJECT: RUMORED PLANS TO HAVE MPLA TESTIFY DURING UNSC
NAMIBIA DEBATE

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORT FROM NEW YORK THAT PRO-MPLA
STATES ARE ENCOURAGING MPLA TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE
TO SPEAK DURING NAMIBIAN DEBATE. WE ALSO HAVE
INDICATIONS, HOWEVER, THAT THERE MAY BE SOME BEHIND-
THE SCENE UNDERSTANDING TO MINIMIZE ANGOLAN FACTOR
DURING SC DEBATE. IF THIS SHOULD BE CASE, THE MPLA'S
ROLE MAY BE MORE LIMITED IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL DIS-

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CUSSION. EVEN UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, REPRESENTATIVES

OF PARTICULARLY UNITA SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PRESENT THEIR CASE WITH AN EFFECTIVE SPOKESMAN. OUR SIDE MUST ACCORDINGLY ARRANGE TO HAVE SAVIMBI OR SOME ARTICULATE UNITA REPRESENTATIVE POSITIONED TO APPEAR IN NEW YORK ON URGENT BASIS.

2. YOU SHOULD SEEK EARLY APPOINTMENT WITH CHONA TO INFORM HIM OF OUR REPORT THAT MPLA MIGHT SEND SOMEONE FOR THE NAMIBIAN DEBATE, AND EXTRACT AS FRANK AS POSSIBLE ZAMBIAN ESTIMATE OF HOW THE DEBATE WILL GO IN NEW YORK, AND WHAT SWAPO TACTICS WILL BE. YOU SHOULD NOTE DESIRABILITY OF HAVING SAVIMBI(OR SOME

OTHER ARTICULATE UNITA OFFICIAL IF MILITARY SITUATION WILL NOT PERMIT SAVIMBI TO DEPART) BE PRESENT IN NEW YORK IF MPLA REPRESENTATIVE IS INVITED TO SPEAK. WE UNDERSTAND IT IS DIFFICULT TO BLOCK SUCH INVITATIONS, IF CASE CAN BE MADE THAT ISSUES ARE RELATED. YOU SHOULD ELICIT CHONA'S REACTION TO OUR CONCERNS, AND ASK HIM TO WEIGH IN WITH SAVIMBI ENCOURAGING HIM TO STAND READY TO GO TO NEW YORK ON URGENT BASIS OR SEND SOMEONE TO REPRESENT HIM. KISSINGER
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